



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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February 1, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ethan Davis (chair), Sheila Fay, Janet Jameson, Maria Saiz, Nick Cutia, Andy Compagna

Guests: Gideon Schrieber, Sam Scoppettone

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. **Discussion of draft Complete Streets Plan:** copies having been distributed prior to the meeting, the Watertown Complete Streets policy was reviewed and discussed. Modifications to the document were recorded by Gideon Schreiber who will revise the policy and present to the sub-committee.
3. **Feedback from January 14 presentation of Athena master plan:** both Andy Compagna and Maria Saiz attended the master plan presentation. The feedback suggested that Athena is very supportive of a 'bike culture' as part of the Athena design, as indicated by the integration of bicycle parking (inside and outside) and the establishment of several bike routes through campus, but there does not seem to be an overall strategy that would establish the campus as a critical link between the Greenway bike path and the Dudley bike path along the river.
4. **Spring Event Planning Update:** Ethan suggested that we should start planning for an organized event in the spring and think about perhaps collaborating with other Watertown organizations, such as Live Well Watertown. The completion and opening of the redesigned Greenough Boulevard was discussed as a prime opportunity for planning such an event.
5. **Watertown Helps Out Volunteer Day:** we should also start planning for the Watertown Helps Out volunteer day, usually scheduled in early May. It was suggested that we focus, as last year, on cleaning up Fillipello park.
6. **Notice of Feb. 23 meeting at Suffolk University to discuss truck side guards legislation:** Senators Hecht and Brownsberger will be hosting a public forum on improving bicycle safety, with an additional focus on legislation that would require side guards on trucks. Members were encouraged to attend.
7. **New Business**